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Holiday Closure



NCCCO would like to take this opportunity to wish our family and friends Happy Holidays. We hope you enjoy the season with loved ones. NCCCO offices will follow the following holiday closure schedule:

Thursday, December 24 - Offices will close at 2 pm in their respective time zones

Friday, December 25 - Monday, December 28 - Offices will be closed

Thursday, December 31 - Offices will close at 2 pm in their respective time zones

Friday, January 1 - Offices will be closed.

All offices will reopen at 8:30 am in their respective time zones on Monday, January 4.

Signalperson and Rigger: Qualification vs. Certification

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has specific--but different--qualification requirements for signalpersons and riggers. In both cases people often wonder whether "certification" equals "qualification," and, if not, what the difference is. The main difference is the level of testing required. Qualification is done by the employer and may or may not involve formal testing; it is at the discretion of the employer's qualified evaluator. Certification requires third-party testing to provide a consistent and accurate means to determine a person's technical knowledge and hands-on skills related to the task. [Read more](#)

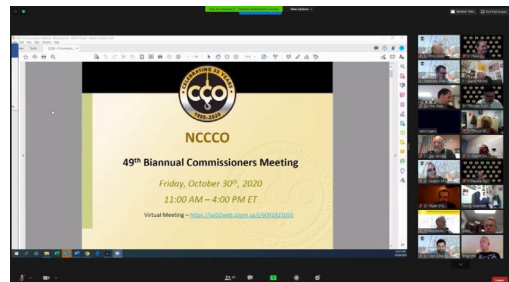


Moving Exclusively to Online Submission for Paper/Pencil Applications

As NCCCO continues to migrate to electronic communication, we are pleased to announce that for all CCO paper/pencil written exams administered on or after **February 1, 2021**, candidate applications must be submitted online using the NCCCO website (www.nccco.org/applyPPT). As with candidate applications for computer-based testing, candidates will provide their contact information, identify the exams they are registering for, and provide payment during the application process. Candidates will also need to have identified the test site at which they plan to test and provide those details, just as they do on the current paper application. The elimination of paper application is part of NCCCO's continuous improvement efforts and is expected to result in fewer errors, create a more streamlined and efficient process, and reduced delays in payment processing. Questions from **candidates** should be directed to candidate@nccco.org; **Test Site Coordinators** should direct questions to writtenexam@nccco.org.

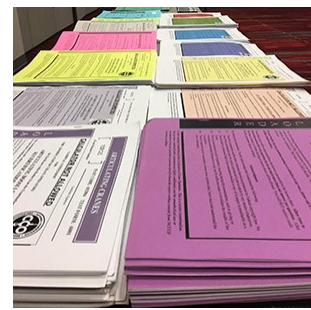
Committee/Commission/Industry Forum Virtual Meetings Held

The 49th Biannual Commissioners Meeting and fall committee meetings were held virtually this time around because of COVID restrictions. During the week of October 26-30, six committees and the full Commission met using videoconferencing. On October 29, the Fifth Annual Industry Forum, presented by the NCCCO Foundation, hosted a four-hour virtual conference with ten presentations, attracting record registrations of just over 300 safety professionals from 42 states, more than three times the previous record set last year. For a full recap of the Industry Forum including video clips of each segment [click here](#).

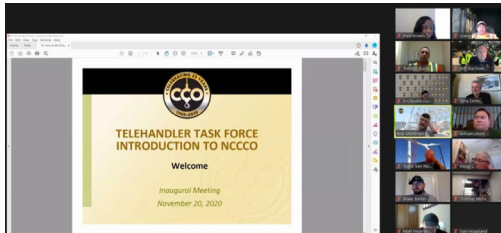


How Are NCCCO Exams Developed?

Job analysis is at the core of much of what the NCCCO Certification Team does in the development and maintenance of CCO certification exams. NCCCO uses a job analysis process to help subject matter experts define the knowledge and skills needed for individuals to competently perform their duties in load handling-related occupations. The information compiled is then used to define the target content for CCO certification exams, both written and practical. [Read more](#)



Telehandler Operator Task Forces Begin Work



The Telehandler Operator task force has been finalized and the kick-off meeting was held on November 19 via videoconferencing. The task force includes 26 industry experts from unions, rental firms, training companies, construction contractors, safety consultants, insurance, and regulatory authorities. Due to the unique aspects of this equipment, program development is

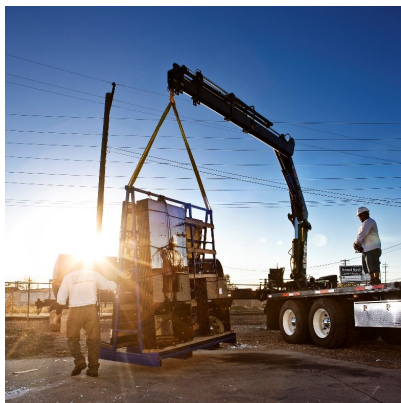
anticipated to go through 2021 and well into 2022.

Drill Rig and Dedicated Pile Driver CBT Now Available

Taking CCO Drill Rig Operator and Dedicated Pile Driver Operator written exams just got easier! These exams are now available via computer-based testing (CBT) at more than 400 sites around the country. CBT allows for quicker scheduling and instant results, so you'll know right away if you've passed. Register for CBT exams here: www.nccco.org/CBTapp



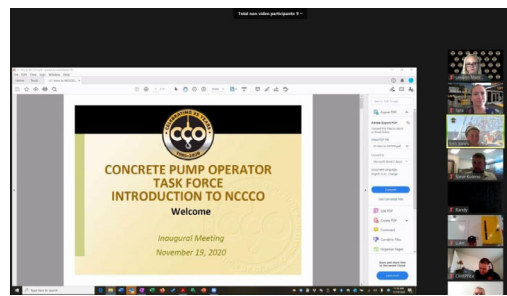
Spanish-Language Articulating Crane Operator Exams Available



In compliance with OSHA Subpart CC regulations, NCCCO has released Spanish-language exams that are direct translations of the English-language CCO Articulating Crane Operator exams, based on identical content outlines and containing the same number of questions. All exam parameters are the same as the English-language exams, including length of time permitted and passing score required. [Read More](#)

Concrete Pump Operator Task Force Takes Shape

The members of the Concrete Pump Operator task force have been selected and recently started work developing this new CCO certification program. An introductory meeting was held remotely via teleconferencing on November 20. The task force consists of 25 experts from all related industry sectors. Because this program will build off work done by the British Columbia Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA) an aggressive target of December 2021 is planned for program launch.



Morrow Is Committed to Safety



Morrow Equipment embraces CCO certification because it helps make sure individuals are qualified to work with cranes as required by OSHA regulations. Morrow currently has over 130 NCCCO certified employees. All operators of tower cranes provided by Morrow must be certified. And all Morrow technicians and key yard staff are rigger and signalperson certified. The company believes that certification brings credibility to the qualifications of its

certified employees, and it allows the company to promote its people as knowledgeable and trained in the basics of the tasks at hand. [Read More](#)

Liebherr Continues to Sponsor Calculators

For the fourth consecutive year, Liebherr USA, Co. is generously providing sponsorship of calculators for NCCCO candidates to use on approved written certification exams at paper-pencil test administrations. For security reasons, candidates are not permitted to bring their own calculators into the testing room, so they are provided with basic four-function calculators at no cost when taking certain paper-and-pencil specialty written exams. [Learn more.](#)



Upcoming Practical Examiner Workshops

Are you interested in being able to administer CCO practical exams? Why not apply to become an NCCCO Practical Examiner by attending an upcoming Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop.

[Overhead Crane Operators](#)- January 13-14, McDonald, PA



This month in history...2017

This month in NCCCO history: December 2017
New York city recognizes CCO Lift Director certification.



In December 2017, New York City recognized CCO Lift Director certification as a means of compliance with its new crane operations oversight requirement. Active Lift Directors working within the city must also be registered with the Department of Buildings. Learn more about becoming a [Certified Lift Director](#).

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Are you on LinkedIn and/or Twitter? Follow us to get the latest news and updates at www.nccco.org/linkedin and [@NCCCOorg](https://www.twitter.com/NCCCOorg).



NCCCO in the News

We're not the only ones who love talking about CCO Certification! Industry media outlets are abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Take a look at what the press is saying:

[Manitowoc Honors Dealers Offering Training, NCCCO Certification](#) - Potain is recognizing 12 North American dealers for offering training and NCCCO certification for self-erecting tower crane operators. *Equipment Today*, September 22, 2020

Does NCCCO Have Your Current Email Address?

NCCCO is increasingly using email to communicate with candidates and certificants. Recertification reminders are now being sent via email and in the future other important information will also be communicated via email. Please confirm that we have your current email on file by downloading the myNCCCO app for iPhones and Android, using the myNCCCO portal (nccco.org/myNCCCO), emailing candidate@nccco.org, or calling Customer Service at 703-560-2391 ext. 801. Please have your certification number(s) ready when contacting us.

CCO By the Numbers

The number of written, practical, and recertification exams NCCCO has administered since testing began in April 1996.

1,500,000

Did You Know?

Just like certification exams, Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops can be hosted at nearly any location. This allows companies and organizations that wish to bring the

certification process completely in house to get multiple employees accredited to administer exams on a schedule that works for them. Benefits of scheduling a workshop include a free attendee, you set the dates, and no travel expenses to send your employees elsewhere. To learn more about holding a workshop at your location and request additional information [click here](#).

Sponsor Spotlight

From the time of its founding in 1968, Morrow Equipment has focused exclusively on the tower crane and construction hoist industry. And Morrow has been involved with NCCCO since its inception. It was an original contributor during NCCCO's formative years and became directly active when the tower crane program was developed in 2004. Nearly all of Morrow's work is in the construction field, whether it is commercial, housing, industrial, sports arenas, or infrastructure. To this day, Morrow team members remain involved in different segments of NCCCO, including current NCCCO President Peter Juhren, who was recently named Morrow's President and COO.



Are you working on a cool project? Do you have neat, high quality photos of people in and around cranes? Working a large job where CCO Certification is required? [Let us know](#)! We'd love to write an article about your project or use your photos and if we do we'll send a token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

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